

II. REMARKS

Applicants have carefully studied the Office Action and cited reference. Claim 10 has been canceled and claim 1, 11-18, and 20-24 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections to the language of those claims. The Office Action dated August 4, 2006, containing election/restriction requirements, has been withdrawn. Thus, claims 1-9 and 11-24 remain pending for consideration.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to specified language in the claims and provided suggestions for amendments to such claims. The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. As a result, it is requested that the objections to the claims be withdrawn.

§ 102 Rejection

In the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Morikawa et al. (US6680277).

Original claim 10 was not rejected under the prior art, and the limitations of original claim 10 have been included in amended claim 1. Thus, the rejection of claim 1 is moot, and should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a favorable action to that end is requested. If the Examiner would prefer language different from

that proposed herein, the favor of a phone call to applicants' attorney is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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